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**For: Method of Decoding and of Joint Equalization
of A Digital Signal Protected By A Code Defined By
A Trellis**

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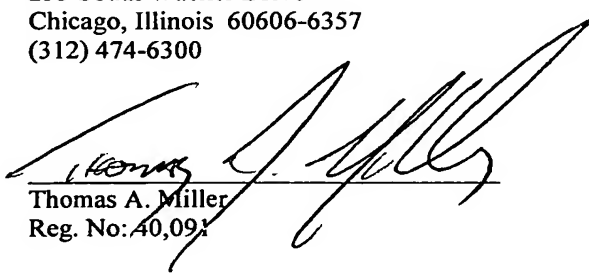
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